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- ⇒ The Maryland *SafeZones* program allows the Maryland State Police and Maryland Transportation Authority Police to enforce the speed limit in highway work zones with automated (cameras) equipment.
- ⇒ The Maryland *SafeZones* program was created to improve safety for workers and travelers since nationally, four out of every five people injured in highway work zone crashes are drivers or passengers.
- ⇒ Since law enforcement began using speed cameras in highway construction areas, work zone-related crashes, fatalities and injuries reached a more than 10-year low: **fatalities in work-zone crashes decreased by more than half from nine in 2009 to three in 2012**. In the same timeframe, people injured decreased from 827 to 640 and overall work zone crashes decreased from 1,685 to 1,392.
- ⇒ Speeding violations in *SafeZones* construction sites have decreased by more than 80 percent. When the program began, approximately seven out of every 100 drivers in the *SafeZones* construction areas were exceeding the speed limit by 12 mph or more; today, that is fewer than two drivers out of every 100 are receiving citations. See chart below demonstrating dramatic decrease in speeding violations since the start of the program.

Overall Violation Percentages (% of vehicles exceeding the enforcement speed)

Overall Expon. (Overall)

